GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT ON EPZS/ SEZS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage private parties, companies to open and operate Export Promotion Zones/ Special Economic Zones in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it will boost exports in our country and earn foreign exchange reserve; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Approval has so far been given for setting up of 47 new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the private/joint sector or by the State Governments at Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Navi Mumbai, Kopta (Maharashtra), Mundra, Positra, Dahej, Hazira, Icchapor (Surat), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Hassan, Baikampady, (Karnataka), Moradabad, Bhadohi, Kanpur, Greater Noida, Noida (U.P.), Kakinada, Viskhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Jaipur, Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Kolkatta, Kulpi (West Bengal), Vallarpadam, Kakkancherry, Kalamassery (Kerala), Nanguneri, Ennore, Mahindra City (near Chennai), Sriperumbudur (Tamil Nadu), Paradeep, Gopalpur (Orissa), Gurgaon (Haryana), Sedarapet-Karasur (Pondicherry), Adityapur, Ranchi (Jharkahand) and Chandigarh.

(c) & (d): Of the 47 new SEZs approved so far 3 SEZs have commenced operation during 2004-05. This is in addition to 8 functioning Export Processing Zones converted into SEZs. During 2004-05 against an export of Rs. 18309 crores, the net foreign exchange earnings by SEZ units were of the order of Rs.7032 crores